

Never Underestimate Obliviousness

Here's the story. Subcontractors on site had just finished a water main tap, completed the tests and inspections, back filled and poured the concrete. A worker was directing traffic as they were getting ready to set the plates over the recently poured concrete.

Their checklist might have looked like this:

- Traffic signs in place—Check.
- Cones in place—Check.
- Worker directing traffic—Check.
- Police officer with cruiser—Check.
- Oblivious driver—Check, exclamation point.

This driver drove past the worker directing traffic, through the cones, and then came to what could have been an extremely permanent halt. Workers brought an excavator into the road, hooked it up with a chain and slowly pulled her out.

Glad it wasn't too slow, or she'd have been there a while.